

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COITSVILLE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Special Meeting
January 12, 2022**

The Coitsville Township Board of Trustees met for a Special Meeting on January 12, 2022 with the following members present roll call Mr. Backo-Chairperson, Mrs. Johnson – Vice Chairman, Mr. Alfano-Trustee.

Call to Order

Mr. Backo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and lead the pledge of allegiance. The special meeting was called for the purpose was to discuss passing resolution to put a police levy on the ballot in the May 3 2022, primary election.

Chief Morris requested the Board of Trustees pass a resolution of necessity for a Police Levy of 5.5millin order for the department to be able to offer higher competitive wages. He explained that currently he is having issues with police officers leaving for more money from another department. He explained that he feels this levy is needed in order for the police department to stay in existence. Officers are currently making 13.50 after getting raises last year which is still low in comparison to other departments. The township needs this levy so they can keep good officers who have been leaving for better wages. Other departments are in the same position as we are. Lowellville and Campbell will both be putting levies on the ballot.

Captain Brown discussed the time and money we spend on training and that the township is being used as a stepping stone. He explained that we need to compete with not only other police departments but other places like McDonalds.

Chief Morris reviewed some wages from other places.

Dunkin \$16.50

Walmart 15.00

McDonalds 13-17

Burger King 12-16

Eastwood Security 13-17.50

Lowes 15.00

Trustee Alfano said he felt this is an issue in both the private and public sector. He also explained that many places are giving signing bonuses to attract employees. He also explained that there are less people wanting to go to the police academy and be police officers so those who choose that career need to be paid well in order to keep them.

Trustee Johnson explained that she has been meeting with the Fiscal Officer and Police Chief and reviewing the budget. She explained that we run a very tight budget and there is basically no where else we can cut corners. She explained that she feels it is very important to keep all the shifts manned and that we need to have a competitive wage in order to do that. She said that although we have situations where we had difficulty filling shifts and if we offer a competitive wage that may ease that situation.

Public Comments:

Comments were made by Donald Francis and Bob Lisko.

Mr. Backo made a motion to approve the attached Resolution 1-12-2022-01. Mr. Alfano seconded the motion. Backo-aye, Alfano-aye, Johnson-aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Alfano made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. Alfano-aye, Johnson-aye, Alfano-aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST

CHAIRPERSON

VICE-CHAIRPERSON

TRUSTEE

Resolution # 1-12-2022-01

**RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE
TEN MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE
MAHONING COUNTY AUDITOR**

The Board of Trustees of Coitsville Township, Mahoning County, Ohio met in Special Session at the Coitsville Township Townhall on January 12, 2022, with the following members present: James Alfano, Gerald Backo, and Phyllis Johnson.

A motion was made by Trustee Backo to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Coitsville Township, Mahoning County, Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to levy a tax under ORC 5705.19 (J) in excess of the ten-mill limitation and to certify to the County Auditor of Mahoning County a resolution requesting that the County Auditor certify to the Board of Trustees the total current tax valuation of Coitsville Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by an additional 5.5 mills in excess of the ten-mill limitation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to place on the ballot an additional levy of 5.5 mills, to constitute a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Coitsville Township, pursuant to ORC 5705.19(J), for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer

contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs, at a rate not exceeding 5.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.55 for each hundred dollars of valuation for a continuing period of time, commencing with the tax year 2022, first due in calendar year 2023;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the question of approving the levy shall be submitted to the electors of Coitsville Township at the Primary Election to be held on the 3rd day of May, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of Coitsville Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of Coitsville Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the entire territory of Coitsville Township is located in Mahoning County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify a copy of the Resolution to the County Auditor, Mahoning County, Ohio. The Board of Trustees hereby requests that the County Auditor certify to the Board of Trustees the total current tax valuation of Coitsville Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by an additional 5.5 mills in excess of the ten-mill limitation, if approved by the electors.

_____ Alfano _____ seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution.

The Roll Call resulted as follows:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Mr. Alfano	<u> x </u>	_____
Mr. Backo	<u> x </u>	_____
Ms. Johnson	<u> x </u>	_____

Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and Requesting Certification from the Mahoning County Auditor is hereby duly adopted upon reading this 12th day of January, 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE COITSVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO:

James Alfano

Gerald Backo

Phyllis Johnson

CERTIFICATION

I, Christeen Partika, Fiscal Officer of Coitsville Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Minutes of Coitsville Township of January 12, 2022 that the same has been compared by me with the “Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation and Requesting Certification from the Mahoning County Auditor” of said Minutes, and that same is a true and correct copy thereof.

Christeen Partika
Fiscal Officer

Mr. Alfano made a motion to pass the following resolution:

Adjourn

Mrs. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Backo seconded. Johnson-aye, Backo-aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST

CHAIRPERSON

VICE-CHAIRPERSON

TRUSTEE